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SUBJ: PETROLEUM--GOP TOP-LEVEL MISSION TO MID-EAST

1. MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, DATUK HAJI ABDUL
TAID, WILL LEAD TOP-LEVEL GOM MISSION TO ARAB GULF
STATES AND IRAN DEPARTING 23 JANUARY FOR TWO WEEKS.
ACCORDING PRESS RELEASE MAIN PURPOSE IS SECURE AND
CONSOLIDATE STEADY SUPPLY CRUDE FOR DOMESTIC CON-
SUMPTION EXPECTED INCREASE 13 PERCENT THIS YEAR. WILL
EXPLORE POSSIBILITY ENTERING GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT
AGREEMENTS WITH ARAB PRODUCERS. ALSO WILL FOLLOW UP
ON TALKS BEGUN SOME TIME AGO ON OIL REFINERY FOR
MALAYSIA BY JOINT VENTURE ABU DHABI OIL COMPANY,
GOM, AND LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS. CREDIT FACILITIES
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FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OFFERED RECENTLY BY ARAB
GULF STATES WILL BE DISCUSSED.

2. COMMENT: MALAYSIA PREFERRED NATION OF ARAB PRODUCERS AND RECEIVING UNLIMITED SUPPLY CRUDE. ACCORDING OIL INDUSTRY SOURCE GOM WANTS FIRST HAND LOOK AT MID-EAST SITUATION, ESPECIALLY PRICING AND PRODUCTION SHARING, BECAUSE OF EFFECT ON MALAYSIAN ECONOMY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MALAYSIAN NATIONAL OIL COMPANY IN NEAR FUTURE. OIL COMPANIES IN MALAYSIA AND GOM WILL BEGIN DISCUSSIONS EARLY FEBRUARY, FURTHER PRICE INCREASES FOR GASOLINE, DIESEL, FUEL OIL, AND KEROSENE (WHICH NOT INCREASED IN DECEMBER 1973). GOM CURRENTLY DIVIDED ON WHETHER ABSORB BY TAX REDUCTION PORTION OF NEXT PRICE INCREASES. DECISION WILL BE MADE AFTER TAIB'S RETURN EARLY FEBRUARY.

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